

# Integrated Skills in English

## ISE II



### The Controlled Written examination

Wednesday 11 November 2009

10.00am-12.00pm

Your full name: .....  
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Candidate registration number: .....

Centre: .....

Time allowed: 2 hours

#### Instructions to candidates

1. Write your name, candidate number and centre number on the front of this examination paper.
2. You must not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
3. This examination paper contains **two** tasks. You must complete **both** tasks.
4. Use blue or black pen, not pencil.
5. Write your answers on the examination paper.
6. Do all rough work on the examination paper. Cross through any work you do not want marked.
7. You must not use a dictionary in this examination.
8. You must not use correction fluid on the examination paper.

#### Information for candidates

The tasks in this examination have equal weighting.

You are advised to spend about 60 minutes on Task 1 and about 60 minutes on Task 2.

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| Task 1              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Task fulfilment     | A | B | C | D | E | N | U |
| Accuracy and range  | A | B | C | D | E | N | U |
| Task 2              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Task fulfilment     | A | B | C | D | E | N | U |
| Accuracy and range  | A | B | C | D | E | N | U |

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### Task 1 – Reading into writing task

Read the text below and then, **in your own words**, write an article (approximately 250 words) for a social studies publication:

- i) summarising the reasons why the writer thinks that British people's values with regards to money have changed **and**
- ii) expressing your own feelings about the importance of honesty in today's world.

### How times have changed

Do you remember the time when a person finding a wallet full of cash in the street would do his best to find its owner and return it? Or when somebody given too much change by a shopkeeper would hand it back rather than keep it? In other words, do you remember a time when people were mostly honest?

It was reported in a newspaper recently that people queued around the block at a cash machine when they heard that it was giving out as twice as much money as requested. But the papers did not suggest there was anything wrong in this mass bank robbery. On the contrary, they seemed to encourage the robbers' behaviour.

Certainly a cash machine is an impersonal thing. To steal money from it is not like stealing an old lady's handbag. But it is theft all the same, and theft used to be something of which respectable citizens disapproved. No longer.

One onlooker, who didn't appear to be taking money out of the machine himself, nevertheless supported the robbers. 'It makes up for all the bank charges and I'm sure the greedy bank won't miss the money', he said.

This suggested one of the reasons why those queuing up at the cash machine did not feel at all guilty about their crime. People don't trust banks and they believe that banks overcharge them.

But there is more to it than that. There is a general feeling that money is now mainly obtained by luck rather than effort. You marry a rock star or win a television contest and become a 'celebrity'. What is there for the rest of us but to take our chances when we can? The fact that this may involve dishonesty is not a consideration, as long as there is little risk of being caught.

(Source: Adapted from G2, 31 March 2008)

Use your own words as far as possible. No marks for answers copied from the reading texts.





















